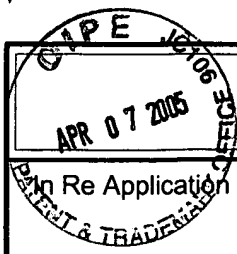


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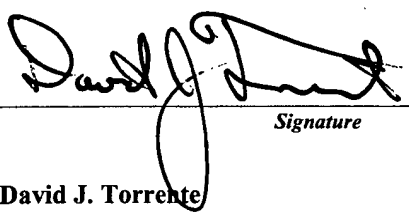
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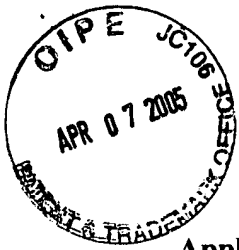
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Sir:

Responsive to Applicant's request for a telephone interview faxed 22 February 2005 and again 11 March 2005, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of Examiner Anh Ly in granting and conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's undersigned representative, which interview was conducted 29 March 2005. What follows is a brief summary of that interview.

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Applicant first addressed Examiner's response to arguments at page 3 of the most recent Office Action, noting that the remarks are directed to an argument that applicant did not make, i.e., lack of motivation to combine. Rather, Applicant argued that the references, even taken in combination, do not teach or suggest each and every element of the claims. No agreement was reached on this issue.


Next, Applicant raised the Examiner's juxtaposition of an alleged misreading of the applied references, and a reference to the Applicant's own specification and allegation that the specification does not support Applicant's argument (Office Action, p. 3, line 18). Applicant sought clarification whether Examiner was using Applicant's own specification against the claims, which would obviously be improper. No clarification or agreement was reached on this issue.

Moving on to the prior art, Applicant cited to Fig. 6 of Welch, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,121,901) and the accompanying description in support of its position that Welch does not teach, at least with respect to claim 1, "means for inserting into [a] dictionary, for storage therein, an extended string comprising [a] longest match with [a] stream of data signals extended by [a] longest match with [a] remaining stream of said data signals". Examiner responded by citing to Col. 11, lines 20-40 of Welch, which concludes "Thus, dictionary updating is immediate and interleaved on a character-by-character basis with the string search." Applicant reiterated that this passage illustrates the distinction of at least claim 1, in that the extended string of Welch is merely one character longer than the previous longest match. In contrast, claim 1 recites the extended string comprising a longest match with a stream of data extended by a longest match with a remaining stream of data.

Notwithstanding, Examiner continued to allege that Welch anticipated the claim language. Examiner also alleged that the distinction argued was not recited in the claim, although Applicant argued only the plain language present in claim 1. Examiner further alleged that the claimed distinction was not clear from the claim language, but did not allege that the claims were indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

At one hour in length, Examiner terminated the interview with no agreement reached on any issue. Notwithstanding the deficiency of the rejection of claim 1, Examiner suggested that amendment of claims 3 and 4 into claim 1 would improve the chances of allowance, but would not concede the allowability of claim 4, nor expand on how the additional subject matter of claims 3 and 4 define over Welch and/or Abdat (U.S. Patent No. 6,606,040). Examiner offered, and Applicant expressed interest in, a further interview including Examiner's Supervisor and/or responsible Primary Examiner, but Examiner refused to schedule such an interview, and instructed Applicant to contact these persons directly.

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